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April 1 Potato Stocks

North Dakota

North Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 5.00 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage April 1, 2010, down 21 percent from a year ago and 17 percent below April 1, 2008. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Similar to January 1, February 1 and March 1 stocks, this is the lowest level of April 1 stocks since the 1989 crop. Current stocks represent 26 percent of production, down from 28 percent last year, but up from 25 percent two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1 totaled 14.1 million cwt, down from 16.4 million cwt a year ago and 17.7 million cwt two years ago. March disappearance totaled 2.00 million cwt, up from 1.80 million cwt a year ago but the same as two years ago.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 129 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 34 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above April 1, 2009.

Potato disappearance, at 255 million cwt, was slightly above April 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 24.4 million cwt, was up 18 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 125 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 6 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 23.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 7 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
13 Major States and United States, April 1, 2009-2010

State	Crop of 2008		Crop of 2009		
	Production	Stocks	Production	Stocks	
		April 1, 2009		March 1, 2010	April 1, 2010
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	22,680	6,300	19,125	7,000	5,000
California	3,948	800	4,158	1,100	900
Colorado	21,907	9,000	22,080	10,500	8,100
Idaho	116,475	45,000	131,000	65,500	51,000
Maine	14,769	5,600	15,263	7,800	6,000
Michigan ¹	14,875	1,800	15,660	3,200	1,200
Minnesota	20,400	6,400	20,700	8,700	7,300
Montana	3,465	2,100	3,347	3,000	2,000
Nebraska	8,245	2,200	8,756	3,300	2,200
New York	5,696	700	4,950	800	500
Oregon	18,676	7,400	21,460	10,700	8,000
Washington	93,000	23,700	88,450	36,200	28,300
Wisconsin	25,730	4,800	28,980	12,000	8,600
13 State Total	369,866	115,800	383,929	169,800	129,100

¹ March 1, 2010 revised.